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FOL LTR SENT DEFENSE JAN 25:

QUOTE IN THE RECENT PAST, THERE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF MTGS BETWEEN REPS OF THE DEPT OF DEFENSE, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE DEPT OF STATE REGARDING A PROPOSED INSTALLATIONS OF RADIO BROADCASTING FACILITIES AT OKUMA ON THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA. THE FACILITIES WLD BE INSTALLED AND OPERATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DEPT OF STATE AS PART OF ITS INTERNATL INFO PROGRAM. THIS PROPOSAL WLD IMPLEMENT SECTION 17B OF NSC 13/3 OF MAY 6, 1949.

QUOTE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD NOT ONLY IN OKINAWA AND TOKYO, BUT ALSO IN WASHINGTON WHERE THE MATTER OF POSSIBLE TECHNICAL INTERFERENCE WITH EXISTING TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING FACILITIES ON OKINAWA WAS GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. ON THE BASIS OF THE TECHNICAL STUDIES AND ADVICE OFFERED, THE DEPT IS SATISFIED THAT THE OPERATIONS OF A 500 KW MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER AT OKINAWA WILL HAVE NO CONSEQUENTIAL EFFECT ON EXISTING TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING FACILITIES IN OKINAWA.

QUOTE OKUMA, ON THE NORTHWEST COAST OF OKINAWA, IS UNUSUALLY WELL LOCATED TO PERMIT COVERAGE OF JAPAN, CHINA, NORTH OF THE YANGTZE INCLUDING MANCHURIA, AND KOREA. IT NOT ONLY MEETS OUR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS BUTS ALSO PROVIDES SECURITY AND MORAL ADVANTAGES NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THE EASTERN AREA.

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QUOTE AS PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION, THERE ARE ENCLOSED A COPY OF A LTR OF THIS DATE TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ENCLOSING FOR HIS APPROVAL AN INFORMAL MEMO OF AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF THIS FACILITY, AND A MEMORANDUM FROM THE REPS OF THE DEPT OF STATE IN THE FIELD, DATED OCT 23, 1950, A COPY OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FOR THE FAR EAST AND TO THE RYUKYUS COMMAND. THE INFORMAL MEMO OF AGREEMENT WITH CIA SETS FORTH THE CONDITIONS WHICH THE DEPT OF STATE WILL OBSERVE IN ITS OPERATION OF THE FACILITY, AND THE MEMO OF OCT 23 IS INCLUDED TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFO AND OBSERVATIONS ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. IT WILL BE OBSERVED FROM THE LATTER COMMUNICATION THAT IT WAS PROPOSED ORIGINALLY TO INSTALL A 150 KW TRANSMITTER IN OKUMA, WHEREAS THE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WERE PREMISED UPON THE INSTALLATION OF A 500 KW TRANSMITTER. THIS CHANGE AROSE AS THE RESULT OF A FURTHER STUDY BY THE DEPT OF STATE WHICH INDICATED THAT A 500 KW TRANSMITTER SEEMED NECESSARY TO COVER THE TARGET AREA IMMEDIATELY.

QUOTE THE DEPT OF STATE WLD EXPECT TO INCREASE THE 500 KW TRANSMITTER TO 1,000 KW AFTER A PERIOD OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT CLD BE SO INCREASED WITHOUT INTERFERENCE TO ALL EXISTING FACILITIES AND PROVIDED THE DEPT OF DEFENSE AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CONCURRED AT THAT TIME.

QUOTE THIS PRESENT REQUEST FOR THE CONCURRENCE OF THE DEPT OF DEFENSE TO THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION AT OKUMA COMPLEMENTS OUR RECENT SUGGESTION, TO WHICH THE DEPT OF DEFENSE HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS ACCORD, FOR A SIMILAR INSTALLATION AT CAMP WALLACE, SAN FERNANDO LA UNION, IN THE PHILIPPINES. IT IS PART OF THE GENERAL PLAN AUTHORIZED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE CONGRESS TO PROVIDE BROADCASTING COVERAGE TO THE ASIATIC AREA. UNQUOTE.

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